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1. ON AUGUST 3 ACTING DRP CHAIRMAN YI HYU-SANG MADE UNUSUAL PUBLIC APOLOGY TO KOREAN PEOPLE FOR FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN SONG NAK-HYON'S MISCONDUCT. ALTHOUGH YI REFUSED TO DETAIL SONG'S ACTIVITIES (SAYING IT WAS TOO DISGRACEFUL FOR HIM TO STATE PUBLICLY), YI'S STATEMENT SERVED TO CONFIRM FOR KOREANS THE PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS THAT SONG HAD "SEDUCED" HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. ADDING INSULT TO INJURY WAS REVELATION THAT SONG WAS JOINED IN THESE AFFAIRS BY A JAPANESE FRIEND.

2. NDP'S YI CH'OL-SUNG LOST NO TIME IN POINTING OUT PARADOX OF SONG'S MISCONDUCT AMIDST DRP'S TRUMPETING OF SAEMAUM (NEW SPIRIT) CAMPAIGN. YI'S CALL FOR CONVENING ASSEMBLY'S LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO MATTER IS UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY RULING PARTY. HOWEVER, EVEN SOME DRP ASSEMBLYMEN ARE REPORTEDLY PRESSING FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES TO BE BROUGHT AGAINST SONG.

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3. COMMENT: THIS AFFAIR STRIKES KOREANS AS PARTICULARLY REPUGNANT AND IS LATEST IN SERIES OF BLACK EYES TO HIT GOVERNMENT AND DRP.
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